

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on November 26, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, the Examiner has issued a rejection of claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-3 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,806,120. The Examiner has also issued a rejection of claims 2-28 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-16 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,462,408.

In response, the Applicant provides herewith two terminal disclaimers in compliance with 37 CFR§1.321. Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of the two terminal disclaimers overcomes the rejections of the pending claims.

Further, Applicant thanks Examiner David A. Zarneke for clarifying a typographical error in the Office Action Summary. In particular, further to the telephonic discussion with the Examiner on December 23, 2004, Applicant understands that item 8 on the Office Action Summary page was checked in error. Consequently, Applicant understands that claims 1-28 are not subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Applicant respectfully seeks further examination of the claims 1-28 in this application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees deemed to be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0897, upon which the undersigned is authorized to sign.

Respectfully submitted,

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